CHAPTER 197

(Senate Bill 350)

AN ACT concerning

Child Support

FOR the purpose of providing that grandparents are responsible for the support of a minor grandchild under certain circumstances; requiring authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration or a court to require a child support obligor to perform community service under certain circumstances; requiring a court to immediately authorize service of an earnings withholding order under certain circumstances; altering the conditions under which a court is prohibited from authorizing immediate service of an earnings withholding order; requiring a court to award child support for a period from the separation of the parents filing of the pleading requesting the support, unless the court finds that the action-would be unconscionable amount of the award would produce an inequitable result; requiring the court to give credit for certain direct payments; authorizing the court to order a subsequent child support award or modification of an initial award for a period from the filing of the pleading; authorizing the court to order payment of certain medical expenses; establishing a rebuttable presumption that a man who completes a certain notarized affidavit recognizing parentage of a child is the father of the child; requiring the notarized affidavit to be completed on a standardized form developed by the Department of Human Resources; specifying the required contents of the form; providing an opportunity for an unmarried mother and father to execute a certain affidavit of parentage; requiring that the affidavit contain certain information; authorizing a certain use of an executed affidavit in a paternity proceeding: requiring the Department to make the standardized affidavit forms available to all hospitals in the State; requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to prepare certain written information concerning the benefits of paternity establishment; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources, in consultation with certain persons, to adopt certain regulations; establishing certain duties of the administrative head of certain institutions or the adminstrative head's designee upon the birth of a child to an unmarried woman; authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to supply certain information to certain consumer reporting agencies under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to follow certain procedures before supplying information to a consumer reporting agency under this Act; requiring a consumer reporting agency to remove certain information from the credit file of a child support obligor under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to charge a certain fee; requiring certain consumer reporting agencies to comply with certain provisions of law; requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to certify certain information to the Motor Vehicle Administration and to provide notice of that certification to the obligor; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to revoke, refuse to issue, or refuse to renew the driver's license of an obligor, or revoke the privilege to drive of a nonresident obligor who is in arrears on a child support obligation under certain circumstances; providing that an obligor may appeal the existence of or the amount of the arrearage; providing for the issuance, renewal, or